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Mr. Earle Cabell
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Dear Earle:

Many thanks for your helpful advice on the October 10th remarks. My present plans are to arrive in Dallas between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. in an Air Force Convair. I am most anxious to have luncheon on that day with John Ranyon and other appropriate persons from the Times Herald. As you know many of the Times editorials have not been too friendly to our work and I would like to do some spade work. I would appreciate your arranging it if possible. Incidentally, if Ben is available he could join us at that luncheon. I will have Colonel Stanley Grogan, our press relations officer, with me. Also I would appreciate an opportunity for a chin fest with Mr. Dealey and any of his staff from the Dallas News. His paper has been most friendly to us in its editorials. Since the football game will be a main attraction on Saturday afternoon, suggest a breakfast or early morning meeting would be in order. Can you arrange this?

My Executive Officer, [redacted], had talked with Fred Korth about administrative details prior to the receipt of your letter. During their conversations [redacted] queried concerning the cost of banquet tickets and Korth made a definite statement that he would insist that no payment be made, however, I plan to follow your suggestion and purchase tickets for Grogan and myself. I plan also to hold my remarks to fifteen minutes.

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We will remain in Dallas for the football game and would very much appreciate the tickets. My pilot, Major William Todd, will also be along and if we could possibly get tickets to include Todd and Grogan, they would appreciate it.

Best regards to all,

B. Penick

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P. S. Mr. Korth offered to get football tickets for us, but I indicated to him that you had also made an offer and that I'd taken you up on it. If there is any problem in getting tickets, I'm sure he would be most happy to help.

Incidentally, this is the first G.D. time I've ever had to pay to make a speech! Either my reputation has got around or this is some old Southern custom that I've forgotten after so many years among Yankees.

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